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For: **CROSSLINKING POLYMER-SUPPORTED POROUS FILM FOR BATTERY SEPARATOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING BATTERY USING THE SAME**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

- 1. JP 2001-148175**
- 2. JP 10-212461**
- 3. JP 2002-166401**
- 4. JP 8-034959**

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of

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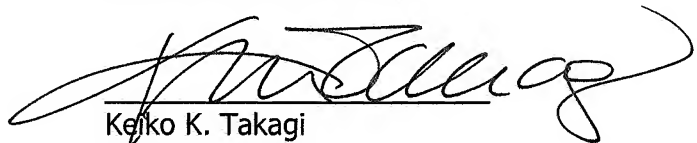
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit English language Abstracts for JP 2001-148175, JP 10-212461, JP 2002-166401, and JP 8-034959.

In addition, a copy of a Japanese language Office Action dated May 31, 2007, with an English language translation citing the above references is submitted herewith.

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